

***STATE OF NEW JERSEY***

Board of Public Utilities  
Two Gateway Center  
Newark, NJ 07102

AUDITS

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDITS OF THE )  
COMPETITIVE SERVICES OFFERINGS )  
OF NEW JERSEY'S ELECTRIC AND GAS )  
UTILITIES PURSUANT TO THE ELECTRIC )  
DISCOUNT AND ENERGY COMPETITION )  
ACT, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.48:3-55, )  
48:3-56 AND 48:3-58 )

ORDER OF EXTENSION

BPU DOCKET NOS. AA00040232  
EA00040233, EA00040234,  
EA00040235, EA00040236,  
GA0004023, GA00040238,  
GA00040239

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

By its February 8, 2002 Order, the Board adopted the Competitive Service Audit Reports prepared by independent consultants for each of the electric and gas utilities and ordered implementation of 63 recommendations out of a total of 80 recommendations made by the auditors. The Order further provided that briefs and/or further comments from the parties addressing the issues raised by the Audit Reports should be submitted within 15 days of the date of the Order, or February 25, 2002. By letter dated February 22, 2002, the Division of Ratepayer Advocate (the "Advocate") requested an extension of time until March 1, 2002 for submission of the Advocate's comments. The Advocate advised the Board that they did not receive copies of the Board's Order until February 14, 2002 as the reason for the request.

Acting President Jeanne Fox reviewed the request and determined that it should be granted for the submissions of all parties. Accordingly, on February 22, 2002 a notice was transmitted by telefax to all parties on the service list, stating that all parties would have until March 1, 2002 to

submit their briefs and/or comments. The Board has now reviewed the request, finding it to have been reasonable, given the short time frame set by the February 8, 2002 Order including several intervening holidays. It is therefore ORDERED, nunc pro tunc, that the time for submission of briefs and/or additional comments be extended to March 1, 2002.

DATED: March 6, 2002

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:

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JEANNE M. FOX  
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